



Public Notice of Emergency Permit

Beale Air Force Base

Marysville, California



June 27, 2011 through August 31, 2011

On June 10, 2011 Beale Air Force Base (AFB) requested an Emergency Permit from the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). Beale AFB proposes to treat hazardous waste munitions by open detonation. DTSC requires an Emergency Permit for the requested treatment by detonation because the facility does not have a permit for this type of hazardous waste treatment.

The permit is for treatment of military munitions items. The items to be treated are 15 M18A1 Flare and 22 M17A1 Flare found abandoned in a parking lot off-base by tenants of a nearby apartment complex and then reported to local civilian law enforcement. Beale AFB Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel have determined that, due to its condition, the considered items are unsafe for shipment and no alternative on-site treatment is available.

DTSC finds there is a potential imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment. As such, DTSC is issuing this emergency permit to Beale AFB effective June 27, 2011 through August 31, 2011. The emergency permit includes measures to minimize any adverse impact to the community and the environment during the treatment.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

DTSC has determined that this Emergency Permit is exempt from the requirements of CEQA as an action necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) will be filed which starts a 35-day time period for any legal challenges to DTSC's CEQA determination for this Emergency Permit. This activity is necessary to prevent an emergency because the material cannot be stored, handled or shipped off-site without posing a threat to the environment, property and human health.

The Emergency Permit, NOE, the Cal Fire's request, as well as the full Administrative Record for this project are available for review at the following location:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826

For additional information regarding DTSC, please visit our web site at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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NOTICE TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Please ask them to contact Veronica Lopez-Villaseñor at (916) 255-3651 regarding Cal Fire.